

Launch of village plan project brings

A FULL HOUSE



With about 160 people present, it was standing room only at the Buninyong Town Hall in early September for the launch of the City of Ballarat's *Township Plan* for the village.

The program was arranged by the Buninyong & District Community Association (BDCA) to provide an opportunity for residents, local groups and business people to hear about the process to be followed over coming months by Council planners and consultants.

After a welcome and introductory comments by BDCA's **Linda Zibell**, the City of Ballarat's CEO **Justine Linley** said the exercise followed on from the 2015 finalisation of the City's 25 year overall strategy plan,.

The City's Strategic Planning Manager, **Lisa Kendal**, then outlined the process to be followed. She advised that consultants had been appointed. She said that the results of the 2017 *Imagine Buninyong* exercise will form part of their review.

Survey

Postcards would be placed in all letter boxes. These invite the community to register their comments on what they value about Buninyong, what must be retained, or even regained. A short survey is included as a lift-out to this edition, and is on the Council website until 8 October at mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au. All residents are urged to complete it.

In addition to the BDCA, the event was supported by community organisations

including the Buninyong Mt Helen Lions Club which provided a free sausage sizzle, the Buninyong Community Bank, the musical group *The Infusers*, the Buninyong Primary School and Foodworks Supermarket.





Action taken after oldie's close shave

A very serious, potentially fatal accident was averted last month when three children riding at high speed down the footpath in Learmonth Street narrowly missed hitting an elderly pedestrian walking out of the supermarket door.

The incident was witnessed by *Foodworks* manager **Alan Nielsen** who said that the elderly woman was visibly shaken after the incident. "I hate to think what might have happened had these kids struck her," he said. "They were coming down the hill on the footpath from Inglis Street at breakneck speed."

"Had a car been coming out of the car park when the cyclists flew by, these children also could have been seriously injured," Mr Nielsen said.

Police action

Police were informed of the incident and local police officer **Senior Constable Sean Almeida** followed up by visiting the primary school to ask that pupils be warned about the seriousness of the

incident, and that they take care when riding cycles in busy areas.

Buninyong Primary School Principal **Bernie Conlan** said that children at the school had been informed of the near-miss and of the consequences of riding without

care on footpaths. "When the fact that an old lady could have been killed by being struck by the cyclists was pointed out, it had a significant effect on the pupils," he said.

Sr Constable Almeida said that while riding a bicycle on footpaths for under twelve year olds was legal, police would be monitoring young cyclists and would take action should they ride in a careless or reckless manner, or not give way to pedestrians."



Mount snowfall

Alex Campbell with youngsters Sienna and Victoria enjoyed the snow on Mt Buninyong on Sunday 16 September (Photo Russell Luckock)

One hundred years on McCarty clan remembers

Buninyong farrier Patrick Thomas McCarty was 23 years of age in September 1915 when he left Melbourne on the RMS Osterley as a private in the 24th Battalion to fight on the Western front in World War 1.

Sadly, a mere 72 days before the end of that war, Lieutenant McCarty was killed in action in France on 1 September 1918.

Exactly one hundred years later on 1 September 2018, 120 of his relatives gathered at the *Windmill Caravan Park* to remember and honour the farrier who didn't return.

Irish forebears

Tom McCarty was born in Buninyong in 1892, the eldest son of **Patrick McCarty** and **Mary Ann "Polly" Davey**. The family's ancestry came almost exclusively from Ireland.

After education at the Buninyong State School, young Tom followed his paternal grandfather's career and began his working life as a farrier. Like most of the McCarty family he was active in the community. He became a lieutenant with the local Fire Brigade, joined the Australian Natives' Association, where he became President, and was a member of the Provincial Choir.

Following the ill-fated ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, Tom was one of many from the district to heed the call for volunteers. He presented his *Attestation Papers* at Ballarat on 6 July 1915.

After leaving Melbourne on 29 September 1915, the *RMS Osterley* made the six-week voyage to Egypt, where Tom settled into military life. Soon he was sent to France. After one horrific battle on the Somme, then-Sergeant-Major McCarty wrote to his mother Mary Anne. This is a small extract.

Letter

"In this brief and mad rush through the enemy barrage one may experience all the feelings and emotions that overcome one at the greater crisis.

Thank God there is no aftermath, and soon the boys are sleeping peacefully. The guns still roar, and shells whistle, but the boys sleep on."

After a period at the Officers' Cadet Battalion at Oxford University, Tom McCarty was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant and returned to the war zone in France. But just five days later he was killed in the battle of Mont St Quentin.

After being buried in an isolated grave near the battlefield, his body was exhumed



in 1919 and was re-buried at Peronne, France.

Locally, Lt T P McCarty is now honoured with a plaque in Buninyong's restored Avenue of Honour at Tree 101, just west of Lumeah Drive – ironically a few metres from the home of his nephew **Gerard McCarty**, and a few hundred metres from the home of Gerard's daughter **Natalie** who now lives on part of the old McCarty property where Tom McCarty was raised.

Gerard said that the big family reunion was both a very happy but sobering event. "There were many young children there who, after hearing the story of Tom McCarty, and seeing some mementoes, were sad but very proud," he said.

(Above) Three generations of the McCarty family visited Lt McCarty's memorial tree and plaque in the Avenue of Honour. (At right) nephew Gerard, his two daughters and Tom's grandnieces Renae and Natalie, and great grandnieces Ella (second from left) and Lydie (front)

(Below) A group of the McCarty family (less about 30 who were at the Buninyong football game)



Is Buninyong really a part of Ballarat?

Back in July 2017 concern was expressed in this column about the lack of coverage of Buninyong in the City of Ballarat's quarterly publication *My Ballarat*.

We praised the quality of the full-colour publication. Its format and design makes it easy to read, its photographs are excellent, and the content well-written. Given the substantial staff time involved in design, writing, photography, printing and distribution, (not to say anything about getting every word approved from on-high), and the number of copies printed, the costs of this publication are certain to be considerable.

Found one

There was a sense of *deja vu* when the Spring edition of *My Ballarat* recently arrived. A look at the news, the listings of events, or the photographs again makes it clear that its concerns continue to be heavily CBD-centric. It took two searches through the magazine to find even a single mention of Buninyong – tucked away at the bottom of p 21 in the context of RSL Remembrance Day celebrations in Ballarat.



Inside this same issue was an expensive coloured insert with much given over to *Revitalising Your CBD* and excitement over the *Bakery Hill Urban Renewal* project and the Main Road (central) *Revitalisation*. A couple of great projects! But out here efforts to get even a little Council seed money into the project revitalise the struggling Warrenheip Street business strip are met with the “we’ve got no money” line.

At page 7 of *My Ballarat* we read that the Ballarat Link Road Stage 2 will “remove 14,000 vehicles per day from Sturt Street.” On that same page a bloke from Alfredton called **Geoffrey James** says that Stage 2 “will save (sic) a lot of traffic problems”. He thinks “it’s a great idea” and he “wants it to happen.”

All gone

So soon, Sturt Street will become peaceful, and the bloke from Alfredton will be happy. But where will all those thousands of pesky vehicles have magically disappeared to?

We’ll give the Town Hall a small clue! When completed the Link Road will dump thousands of extra vehicles at its

intersection with the Midland Highway at Magpie. Then try to guess where they will go from there. It’s a red-hot certainty that most are not going to turn left and head back to clog up the CBD, but rather they will turn to the right and head through this village.

But back at civic headquarters in the soon-to-be-peaceful Sturt Street, that’s a detail for another time, another Council, another CEO, another politician or another boss at VicRoads.

So it seems Buninyong must now wait patiently for many of those 14,000 vehicles to turn up here, and to wait even longer in the begging queue for Warrenheip St funding.....and to get coverage in *My Ballarat*.



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Buninyong RSL members (L to R) Bill Akell, Ron Fleming, John Dellaca, Peter Innes, and Rowan Gamble show HMAS Ballarat officers Paul Johnson RAN, Tom Costello RAN some of the memorabilia at RSL Park.

NAVY SAILS INTO TOWN

Two senior officers of the Royal Australian Navy's *HMAS Ballarat* were in Buninyong a few weeks ago as part of a goodwill visit to RSL clubs in the region of the city after which the ship was named.

RSL member **Peter Innes**, who as a City Councillor had sailed on the *HMAS Ballarat*, was among local RSL members who met the ship's Commanding Officer **Paul Johnson** and Commanding Warrant Officer **Tom Costello**.

A welcome to the Buninyong RSL was made by President **Ron Fleming** who said that the local RSL Club was honoured that two senior naval officers had taken the time to visit this district.

HMAS Ballarat is one of the eight Australian-built ANZAC class frigates of 3600 tonnes with a length of 118 metres and carries a crew of 177.

Ballarat II

Launched in 2002 it was built at Williamstown, Victoria and its radar and combat systems were designed and built in Adelaide by Saab Systems, a company for which Buninyong's **Gayle Adams** was then working.

The ship is the second to carry the *Ballarat* name with the first being a much smaller minesweeper or corvette of 590 tonnes, also built at Williamstown and launched in 1941.

Arrest after arson spree

A 22 year old local man was arrested and charged with five offences after three serious incidents which took place in Buninyong on a Sunday night several weeks ago.

After facing the Ballarat Magistrates' Court, the accused was remanded in custody until October.

Most serious of the incidents took place at the football/netball clubrooms where after smashing a window to gain entry, the accused was charged with using a gas bottle to attempt to start a fire in the toilets. Damage of the order of \$2000 was caused, but had the fire taken hold the damage bill could have run into several million dollars.

Arson was also involved in a house under construction on the Midland Highway where extensive damage was caused to the interior after a rangehood was set alight. Damage there was estimated to be \$100,000. On the same night a large window valued at \$750 was smashed at the *Foodworks Supermarket*.

Another local offender, aged 39 years, also recently appeared before the County Court in Ballarat to appeal an eight month jail sentence relating to an offence committed in Buninyong.

He stole ten cans of liquor from the *Foodworks Supermarket*. After running from the store, he then returned to take chocolate and a can of Pringles crisps again without paying. His conviction also included other instances of theft.

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Senior citizens give Two life memberships

On 21 August Buninyong Senior Citizens held their Annual Meeting at the Buninyong Town Hall. There were 23 members present, and guests included Cr Ben Taylor and Cr Jim Rinaldi.

The club has had a very successful year with monthly hotel meals, club meals, BBQs and bus trips as well as club fellowship and games.

Membership has grown by five members. Now over 30 members enjoy the very friendly club, and new members are welcome to come along.

President **John Clark** has been returned for a second term. Other positions were filled by **Jan Antosiewicz** who is

Secretary for a fourth term, **Val Clarke** is Treasurer for a second term, and **Vic Bradley** OAM is Vice President. Committee members are **Cheryl Thomas, Geoff Williams, June Harbour** and **Margaret Fletcher**.

Life memberships were presented to **June Harbour** and **Betty Bunting**. Following the AGM a celebration cake was served for afternoon tea for life members Vic, Betty and June.

Buninyong Seniors meet every Tuesday at the Town Hall. For inquiries phone Jan 0409 174 605.

(Below) Life Members Vic Bradley (1987), Betty Bunting (2018), and June Harbour (2018) cut the cake.



Baptists move up the street

In a display of inter-church cooperation, the local Baptist Church congregation, which had been Sunday morning tenants at the Buninyong Town Hall for over fifteen years, has now moved up the street to conduct their services at the Uniting Church following the home church service.

Outgoing interim-Baptist Pastor **Noel Mitaxa** said that the move was an exciting one for several reasons.

“For a start, we don’t have to worry about setting up and removing chairs at the Town Hall. But more importantly, our new association with the Uniting Church enables us to share resources and have ‘interchange’ with the other congregation,” he said.

The Uniting Church services commence at 9.30am each Sunday. Then at 10.30 the two church groups meet over morning tea in the hall before the Baptist service starts at 11.00 am.

The Baptist congregation also has a new ‘interim’ Pastor **Bernie Partenfelder**.



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Lions Club President David Page (right) discusses the range of goods to be sent from Buninyong with (L to R) Foodworks' Manager Alan Nielsen, and Trevor and Alison Rickard.

LIONS, FOODWORKS HELP NSW FARMERS

The Buninyong Mt Helen Lions Club has linked with the Buninyong *Foodworks* store to send a pallet of non-perishable groceries and other provisions to drought-stricken farmers in northern New South Wales.

Lions Club members recently met with *Foodworks* owners Alison and Trevor Rickard to finalise details of the delivery, worth some \$2000, which will be added to truckloads of fodder being sent north as part of the Pakenham Lions Club *Need*

for Feed project. This club also sent a convoy of feed to assist owners of burnt-out properties in this district after the December 2015 fires. The Pakenham Lions Club first started the *Need for Feed* project in 2006 after a series of disastrous fires that hit Gippsland in that year.

Lions Club President David Page said that the Lions Club funds came from a trivia night held in late-August at the Ballarat North Sports Club.

Steiner school gets boost from new hall

Work on the new multi-purpose hall, and upgrades to classrooms and administration areas at the Ballarat Steiner School at the corner of Moss Avenue and the Midland Highway are now very visible to passers-by.

The \$1.3 million project includes a capital works grant of \$634,000 from the State Government and has heavily involved local firms.

Architects *Here Studio*, with offices in Ballarat and Horsham have designed spaces that integrate form with function as well as incorporating the earthy characteristics of the surrounding landscape.

Construction of the project is by Mt Helen-based builder **Chris Williams**.

Member for Buninyong, **Geoff Howard** visited Ballarat Steiner School last month to inspect the start of construction works at the school.

"The Steiner school offers a terrific range of experiences to try to maximise the educational opportunities for its students," Mr Howard said. He said that he was pleased to see this being expanded with the new multipurpose hall which will be a great addition to the school, supporting performances and collective activities.

streettalk

AFTER MANY MONTHS of negotiation, the deal between the CFA and a local land-owner for the sale of the land on the corner of Palmerston and Warrenheip Streets, seems to have fallen over. Delayed timing of the handover and soil problems were stumbling blocks. Now serious attention seems to have switched back to part of that vacant land to the east of the clubhouse at the golf club.

A LARGE FOX with black markings is winning the battle with local hobby poultry owners. Heard the fox's tally was up to 63 chooks not long ago. Fox hunters should keep an eye out in the Macs Road/Cathcart Street (south) areas.

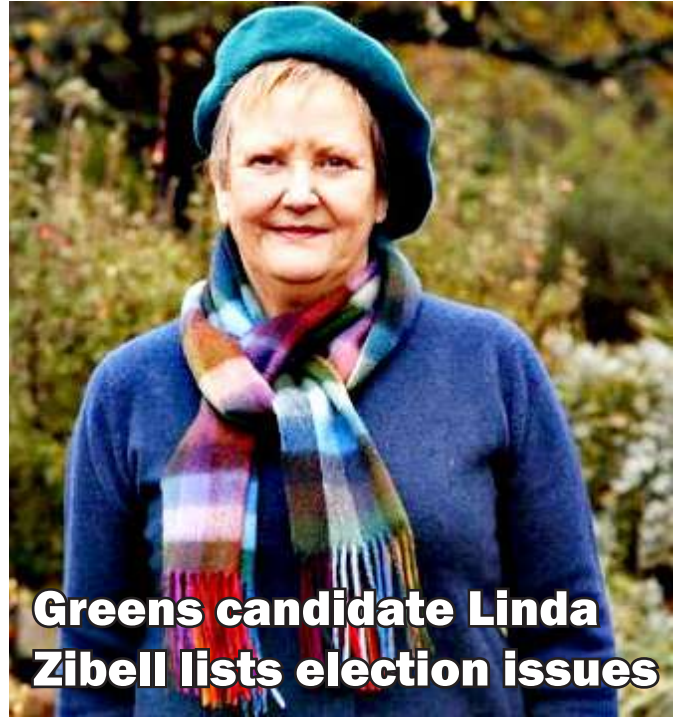
BOLD AS BRASS. A good description has been noted of that bloke with the trailer loading up top soil at the rear of the Buninyong Cemetery recently. Also bold but much dumber, were those local residents who kept filling the cemetery's rubbish bin with household waste, but who didn't take out address slips and accounts from their dumped rubbish. Culprits at least confessed when confronted with a phone call.

THE DOCTOR at the centre of the row over Medicare provider numbers for his part-time medical practice in Skipton, was the same **Dr Mohammed al Naima** who ran a cosmetic clinic here for a time last year.

AFFABLE PHIL CROSBIE has taken over the reins at the local PRD real estate office after the departure of former partner **Gary Jones**. Associate agent **Neville Dooly** remains as an active staff member.

IT'S STILL FULL STEAM ahead for a late 2018 opening of new Learmonth St restaurant *The Shared Table*. Approvals for permits and licences are getting close, interior fixes finished, and owner/chef **Dianne Ray** said "all of the ducks are now beginning to line up." Hopefully, not for the menu just yet!

Planning laws, transport fix, local identity, green belts, employment.



Greens candidate Linda Zibell lists election issues

This is the third *News* profile of candidates of major parties standing for the seat of Buninyong in the 24 November State election. Linda Zibell, a resident of Mt Helen, is the Greens candidate for the seat.

Linda's early family days were spent in Gippsland where she attended Traralgon High School. She qualified as a primary teacher, and from 1976 worked in Central Victorian rural schools and TAFE. Recently she completed studies for a Ph.D at Federation University.

In 1990, with husband Kevin, former CEO of CAFS, and their three children, Linda moved from central Ballarat to settle in Mt Helen.

On leave

Now on leave from her position in the Faculty of Education at Federation University, she is the immediate Past-President of the Buninyong & District Community Association, and Vice

President of the Friends of Canadian Corridor group. She said, "After almost twenty years of being active in community affairs in the Buninyong area I feel I know the local people and the issues that are important to them."

She pointed to her successful record in working to ensure that local housing developments are in sympathy with the environment, in regional education, in conservation matters, and more recently in lobbying for planning and solutions to current and future transport problems.

Major plan

Across the period 2000 to 2008 she worked closely with City of Ballarat staff and consultants in putting together the *Canadian Valley Outline Development Plan* which still remains a key planning document from Mt Clear to Buninyong.

She also co-initiated the new Woovookarung Regional Park.

She said the following are key campaign policy areas

- Inter-regional city rail connections for freight and the return of passenger services.
- Democratic inclusion of communities in state government VicSmart planning changes.
- Landscape corridor revegetation in the Buninyong electorate.

"I am standing on my record of actively speaking up for this community across a long time. If elected I will continue with the passion and concern I have shown for this area and the people that live and work here," she said.

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The Dell is a place to remember

The Trustees of the Buninyong Cemetery often get a range of unusual requests about burials, monuments, ornaments and plantings in the historic local cemetery.

Mostly the enquiries can be covered by referral to the cemetery's rules and policies which are found on the website buninyongcemetery.com.au or in an information brochure available from the Secretary.

But about two years ago the Trust had an enquiry from a woman living locally and who had a loved one who was buried in a far-away location.

She asked whether there was anywhere in the Buninyong Cemetery where she could go to sit, grieve and remember that person. There was not.

Quiet area

After consideration of this request and looking at some ideas from other cemeteries, the Trust decided to establish a quiet area where this woman and others who had a loved one buried or whose ashes had been spread elsewhere, could visit, sit and remember them.

So the idea of a *Dell of Memories* was developed and has now been completed.



A "dell" is a small valley usually with trees and water.

With a small creek running through the cemetery and with beautiful old oak trees in the eastern corner of the cemetery nearest to Buninyong, landscaping and rock and earthworks were undertaken. Two rock-lined ponds were created, with low planting, and with a seat where persons such as the woman referred to above could now come and sit in quiet and peace.

Memorial

In a garden bed opposite this seat, there are several large rocks on which, with Trust approval, small memorial plaques may be placed in memory of someone dear but whose remains are elsewhere.

The *Dell of Memories* project was designed by local landscape architect **David Turley** working with Cemetery Trustee **Barry Fitzgerald**, and the earthworks, rock placement and planting

was carried out by **Chris and Frank Nicholls**. The seat was installed by members of the Buninyong Men's Shed.

Community members are invited to visit the cemetery, turning left near the rotunda, and visit the newly-finished area.

(Above) Shown planting trees and plants near the rock pools at The Dell are Gerard McCarty and Chris Nicholls

(Lower) The new Dell of Memories sign at the eastern corner of the cemetery marks the private area where people can go to remember loved ones.



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Invitation to Buninyong rehearsal



Hobson in concert with top Welsh choir

The outstanding Victorian Welsh Male Choir which has thrilled audiences in Buninyong at concerts on three occasions in recent years, will be in concert again later this month at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre. Starring with the choir will be one of Australia's leading tenors, Ballarat-born David Hobson who has appeared with the choir on four previous occasions.

Buninyong residents also will have the chance to see the choir (and possibly David Hobson) in rehearsal for the concert at the Steiner School, Moss

Avenue, on Saturday 13 October from 11.30am. Come along and sit in and maybe even enjoy a light lunch with the choir afterwards.

Local organiser of the choir Buninyong's John White said that this was a unique chance to see behind the scenes as the choir prepares for a major concert.

In September the choir completed a tour of South Australia with concerts at Kadina, Kapunda (old mining towns with strong Welsh links) and at Burnside. The concert at the Howitt Street venue will be on Sunday 28 October. Tickets are available from WPAC on 5338 0977.

DWELP mount burn off soon

The small but dangerous fire that hit Mt Buninyong in March of this year may have been a factor in the decision by Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV) to undertake a planned burn on the mountain.

FFMV Midlands District Manager Jasmine Filmer said that the 3.8 hectare burn was to "provide asset protection for the fire lookout and telecommunications towers used by FFMV, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, SES, CFA and Telstra."

The planned burn at Mt Buninyong will be at a much lower intensity than a bushfire, and will involve initial *candling* to reduce the bark hazard in late winter, with later work to treat remaining ground fuels in late Autumn 2019.

Ms Filmer said that candling "has a beneficial effect, helping to protect trees in a future fire or planned burn. Trees with hollows are avoided to preserve habitat for wildlife."

Road and track access to the Mt Buninyong summit will be restricted during planned burn activities.

FFMV warned that smoke will be visible from Ballarat and surrounds. Persons with heart or lung conditions, such as asthma, may be affected. In that event medical help should be sought or call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24.

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A story from the heart

The death of a pet... and a wonderful vet

It's very likely that at some time, many readers of *The News* have been saddened by the death of a pet animal. Over the years we have had the odd pet dog or cat knocked over and injured or killed by cars.

But recently it was quite different when we had to cope with the death of a pet cat. This cat's death hit hard because she had been with us for a very long time, was a sole pet, and had become a much loved part of our-now two-person home and family. And...we knew it was coming!

Plain tabby

On the surface there was nothing special about this cat. She was just a small shy tabby which had turned up in the stables out back of a previous home of ours in 2003 with a litter of six kittens and with a large wound on its neck. It was injured, scared and very shy.

But over the years a special bond grew between us and the cat. It coped with us moving house three times before settling in Buninyong in 2009. Here it didn't stray outside of our house and back yard. It enjoyed being on the couch of an evening,

wandering with us in the garden, hopping up on the desk while each month's edition of *The News* was being put together, and sharing our bed at night. Our daily routines and those of the cat were tightly linked.

It was a pain when we travelled. It couldn't be left in a cattery because she fretted. Because she was so shy (probably beaten or hurt as a young animal) she didn't like most of our house-sitters, and probably for the same reason was absolutely terrified by children. It's likely that we spent almost as much on food for this fussy eater as we did on ourselves.

But a few months ago, our beloved cat, then aged about sixteen years, began to get thinner, bonier and scraggier, and was eating very little. She weighed only 2.5kg.

We agonised over the gut-wrenching choice between wanting to spend as many last days as possible with the pet at the same time giving it those few extra final days of life, and that of ending the animal's pain and clearly miserable existence.

Caring

It was hugely upsetting to make that fateful 'we think it's time' call to local vet **Dr**



Rebecca Jennings who had caringly and professionally looked after our cat since she opened her clinic here in early 2017.

She offered, and with nurse **Lauren**, came to our home to end our cat's life. The genuine kindness and concern of those two young women made the animal's final moment pain- and stress-free, and they also were a huge comfort to us. Home certainly was the best place to part with our pet.

When any reader is also faced with that incredibly tough call to end the life of a loved animal, we truly feel for you.

But be assured that as we did, you will find our local vet Rebecca a wonderfully caring professional angel at that very tough time for all concerned. - BF



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Concert series smashes records

Funds at the Buninyong and Scotsburn Primary Schools were boosted after record-breaking attendances at the August concert series.

For the first time, the school offered a matinee performance on 23 August in addition to two night performances on 23 and 24 August. Nearly \$25,000 was raised for school infrastructure and other projects.

Over the three sessions some 1500 people attended the concert entitled *A Night at the Library: Where Books Come to Life*. Seven hundred pupils from both campuses put on the show.

Firsts

Buninyong Assistant Principal, **Scott McGlynn**, said it was a year of firsts for the concert, with the additional session, an added indigenous *Acknowledgement of*

Country, and a school-run barbecue and coffee shop.

He said that another new addition was the performance by the Koori kids. "Because we haven't completed an *Acknowledgement of Country* before, it was a great opportunity for these students to connect to and celebrate their culture while performing for a wider audience," Scott said.

Seven indigenous students were joined on-stage by non-indigenous students and a parent, **Tim White**, of Buninyong, who played the didgeridoo.

Logistics

According to Scott McGlynn the concert series was "a logistical labyrinth, which we could only achieve with the fabulous support of staff, parents and community helpers."

"I was fortunate enough to sit back during the finale and watch the community come together, and as a principal, it is one of the proudest moments you could have, seeing all the kids' and parents' faces was amazing," he said.

Another new aspect was the delayed school start of noon on 24 August providing students with an opportunity

to relax during the busy week, with about 200 students attending school that afternoon.

Specific financial support and donations were provided by a number of parents, community groups, along with local businesses and Federation University.

Money raised is earmarked for ground projects at both campuses.

Amy Darby Walker



All set in colourful costumes were Grade 3 students (L to R) Nate Penna, Nathan Ali, Spencer Stewart and Duke Pilmore.

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Massage and Kinesiology Relaxing with Lisa

When a student at St Martin's in the Pines, Lisa Woods used to provide foot massages for her fellow Year 12 students. When she didn't find later University studies satisfying, she left, trained in massage, and is now an authorised masseur.

However, she was encouraged to 'get a proper job' and joined the 'office world', working in big oil and gas projects in Western Australia, China and Indonesia. Now, back in Buninyong after spending the last five years in Indonesia, Lisa is returning to her early interest in the benefits of massage.

"I have gone back to my early instincts," she said. Even back then she had an interest in reflexology and in the meantime had discovered kinesiology* which

does have some common features with massage - how the body works, the muscle components and nerves - but they are also completely different in their practice.

Dual approach

Lisa undertook and passed the two year course. Now she feels she can offer the benefit of both treatments because she believes that "while a masseur may resolve the symptom, the kinesiology may address the root cause of a misalignment."

Nevertheless, it may be that a patient will be referred to another practitioner if Lisa feels that kinesiology and massage will not be sufficient.

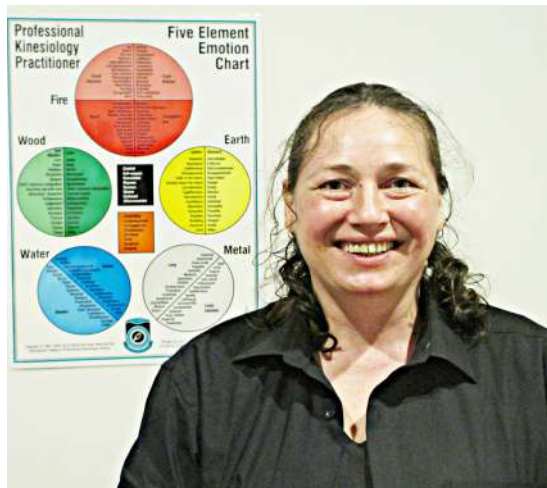
Lisa is available in rooms at *Buninyong Hair & Beauty*, Warrenheip Street, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Call her on 0409 166 106.

Cassandra Carland

Ed: For those who, like me, are not clear on what kinesiology involves, this definition from The Australian Kinesiology Association may help.

Kinesiology is a combination of ancient, eastern science and western muscle monitoring.

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Election forum date set

Candidates for the 24 November State elections for the seat of Buninyong will front the local community at a public forum scheduled for Thursday 8 November commencing at 7.00pm at the Buninyong Town Hall.

This will be the third State election forum organised by the Buninyong and District Community Association (BDCA).

The three candidates from major parties who have already nominated – **Andrew Kilmartin** (Liberal Party), **Michaela Settle** (ALP) and **Linda Zibell** (Greens) - have all agreed to participate.

More details about the forum will appear in the November issue of *The News*.

Town Hall changes

After many years of there being a Pat Hope on the Town Hall Committee, **Pat Hope** (who took over from her husband Pat Hope) as Treasurer has resigned because she is relocating to Ballarat. New Treasurer will be **Sharele Pilmore**.

In another major change, the Baptist Church which has used the Town Hall as the venue for its Sunday services for many years has come to an agreement with the Uniting Church, further up Learmonth Street, to share that church on Sunday mornings.

This move will also free up the Town Hall for other bookings such as markets and art exhibitions on Sundays or across two weekend days.

Local Federal MP **Catherine King** was thanked for the supply of Australian



flags so that the flag being flown above the Town Hall will in future be in good condition.

Security lights coming

The Buninyong Business Network has been successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from the Victorian Government Crime Prevention Unit for the installation of security lighting at two locations in the village.

The first will be at the rear of the UFS Pharmacy to light up the car park at the rear of the BP service station. The other location will be in the car park between the Bowling Club and the primary school gymnasium at the end of Yuille Street.

Get ready for the Fair

The annual Spring Fair will be held in the grounds of the Uniting Church on Saturday 27 October. It will include a large range of stalls and activities including a sausage sizzle, plants for sale, bric-a-brac, Teddy Bear's Picnic, face painting, games, Kid's Craft, and entertainment featuring the U3A *Celtic Band* and local artists. The Fair starts at 10am and will run until 2.30pm.

Choir Popular

The new Community Choir has proved so popular that the first practice session will now be held in the RSL Hall on 24 October between noon and 1.15pm. Enquiries to Georgie Williams 0434 525 595.

Daffodils for cancer

Stalwart worker for local charities, **Helen Stephens** (shown above with co-worker **Elvyn Harrison**, and local vet **Rebecca Jennings**) has reported that this year's *Cancer Council Daffodil Day Appeal* raised some \$670. She thanks all those who stopped by the table outside of Foodworks for a chat and to make a donation.

Bag workshops

October dates for Buninyong Boomerang Bags workshops are Tuesday 9th, 1pm - 3pm, Sunday 14th, 2pm - 4pm, and Wednesday 24th, 1pm - 3pm, all at the Buninyong Community House.

And on Sunday 28th, 9am - 2pm – No-sew Tshirt bags at the Buninyong Village Market

Watson show back

Following the success of his recent *Show for Seniors* at the Buninyong Golf Club, Lethbridge-based piano maestro **John Watson** has scheduled another show at the same venue for Wednesday, 10 October commencing at 10.30am. Titled a *Tribute to the Piano Men* (such as Elton John, Billy Joel, Jerry Lee Lewis and Barry Manilow), the show will include morning tea and lunch.

Tickets are \$25 and can be booked from Veronica at 0410 465 502



A community Children's Fun Run is planned for Saturday 27 October. It will be held in conjunction with the annual fete at the Uniting Church and will commence at 10.00am. Fun Run organiser Jennifer Henderson said that the event was open to children aged between five and thirteen years. There will be an entry fee of \$5.

There will be two courses. The shorter one of about 1.3km will go through the Botanic

Gardens and around the Gong. The longer one of 2.8 km will go through the Gardens and up to Mt Innes. The race will start and finish at the Uniting Church. Entry forms will be available at Foodworks and at the BP service station from 1 October.

Ambassador for the Fun Run will be decorated young Buninyong cross-country runner **Eliza Lepair** who in August represented Victoria in the National Cross Country Championships. A Year 11 student

at Damascus College, Eliza this year broke the 32 year old record for the BAS 800 metres event.

She competes for Ballarat YCW and is a member of the squad at the WestVic Academy of Sport.

(Above left) Getting in some training for the Fun Run in a local park were (L to R) Leuca 7, Alannah 7, Oscar 9, Isaac 9, Jack 10 and Joachim 10. (Above) Fun Run Ambassador Eliza Lepair

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Buninyong: it's all there ON THE WEBSITE

As evident by its recent national Award, Buninyong has one of Australia's best community websites. Check it out at www.buninyong.vic.au. Within it, various directories provide details of local businesses, community groups, services and amenities. Some 11,000 hits are made each year just on the directories.

For example there is the *Buninyong Business Directory* and a *Community Groups Directory*. Even the Buninyong bus timetable is there in the *Services and Amenities Directory*.

Current

Information keeps changing, but the directories are regularly updated in response to input from local organisations and they go through a line-by-line fact check every few years.

Reviews of the *Community Groups and Services & Amenities* Directories are nearly complete and **Roger Trudgeon** currently is working through the *Business Directory*. Local business

owner can expect a call from Roger at the Information Centre any time soon. In the meantime, email the website volunteers at the Buninyong Information Centre at bunlibtrust@gmail.com to

- include an organisation
- change contact details
- delete an entry, or advise of any incorrect or obsolete information

Speedy change

Requested additions and amendments are generally made within 24 hours as the aim is to keep the directories as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

All local businesses and community organisations can be listed for free, though paid options are also available for greater prominence.

And, of course, all editions of *The Buninyong News* can be found on the website, reproduced in full colour. Great for emailing to friends and relations in distant places.

*Liz Lumsdon,
Buninyong Community Website*



Veterans recall major battles

Just over fifty years ago Australian and New Zealand forces fought their largest, most sustained and costly battle of the Vietnam War – the Battle of Coral and Balmoral.

During these battles around fire support bases *Coral and Balmoral*, 26 Australian (including fifteen National Servicemen), were killed and over 108 injured.

A number of Buninyong RSL members and local veterans attended the Ballarat Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Day on 12 August.

Buninyong RSL member **John Dellaca** was the guest speaker and summarised the actions across the twenty-five days between 12 May and 6 June 1968.

Mr Dellaca said that many Australians were unaware of these strategic battles as the government of the day restricted the reporting in the face of a growing anti-War Movement and anti-conscription protests.

Units involved in these battles were awarded a Citation for Gallantry on 12 May 2018.

(Above) Vietnam veterans *Bill Akell, Rowan Gamble, John Dellaca, Bob Carbury and Buninyong RSL President Ron Fleming* at the South East Asia Memorial, Sturt Street Ballarat.



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Buninyong Information Centre Open Day

Try these questions

Old and new residents of Buninyong are invited to visit the Old Library, at 408 Warrenheip Street on Saturday 20 October between 10.00am and 3.00pm to see the great range of historical and other resources available there.

On that day help could be given to find answers to questions such as the following.

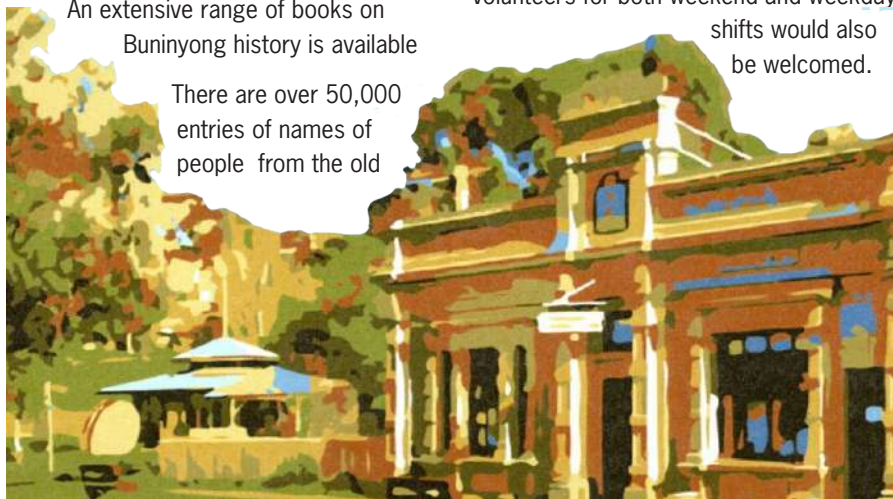
- In what suburb of Buninyong do you live? Was it called Union Jack, Glencoe, Irish Town or something else?
- Who was the original owner of the block where you live?
- Why was the wife of Richard Roberts embarrassed during Prince Albert's visit to Sebastopol in 1867?

Resources

The Buninyong Information Centre holds an amazing range of information about Buninyong past and present.

An extensive range of books on Buninyong history is available

There are over 50,000 entries of names of people from the old



Buninyong Shire, including Cemetery Records and over 250,000 names of shareholders in gold mines throughout Victoria.

There are twenty maps of walks around Buninyong, varying from 1.8 km to 20km, covering a total distance of 150km as well as a book on heritage walks.

Online Access

The Information Centre also maintains two websites - *The Buninyong Community Website* and *Walks Around Buninyong and District* - as well as a Facebook Page to convey online information about Buninyong.

The Buninyong Information Centre is staffed by a team of volunteers who provide information about the town to visitors and local residents between 10am to 3pm, six days a week (not Mondays).

Come in on 20 October (or any other day) and see what the centre does. New volunteers for both weekend and weekday shifts would also be welcomed.

Ernie Neale's Monthly RAINFALL REPORT

Thirteen days of August rain

August delivered 69 mm of rain, a little under the recent average of 73.2 mm. The main event came around 20 August when 21 mm fell in 48 hours.

It is hard to believe that a bushfire burnt strongly in the mountains of Gippsland during August. Some see this as a wintertime start to the fire season. Thankfully farming conditions here have been wetter and greener, enabling graziers to bring in stock from up north.

Truckloads of store lambs are coming south from NSW to grow on the pastures here, with the drivers probably waving to their mates heading north carrying big loads of fodder.

AUGUST 2018			
Date	Rain	Date	Rain
1	3.8	4	11.0
7	4.0	9	9.1
12-14	10.7	16	2.0
18-21	24.9	22	1.5
27	1.0	31	1.0
Total		69.0mm	
Year to date		386.0	

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Making of a Master Mason

Sturt Buninyong Masonic Lodge has admitted Graham Dawes as a Master Mason following a series of Freemason education programs conducted over the past year.

He joins a society of men whose principles make a difference to their daily lives and the communities in which they live.

These principles are come from the core values of Freemasonry and are the practice of universal charity, taking opportunities for self-development, building friendships, fostering moral standards and seeking excellence in all pursuits.



Brian Coffey, Graham Dawes, Charlie Pruis and Ian Crosbie, Master of Sturt Buninyong Lodge following the presentation of the Master Masons Apron.

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Sports Snapshots



Tennis Victoria's (TV) Andrew Cronin was up at Elaine recently to participate in the Tennis Club's Open Day and to make a presentation to club veteran Russell Ford. Russell received the TV Award for his service of over twenty years with the Elaine Tennis Club.

In the coming season Elaine will field a Senior A2 team in the Buninyong & District Tennis Association for the first time since the rebuilding of the two courts. It will be the first time that senior home tennis matches will have been played at the Elaine venue for 25 years.

Junior teams will again be entered in the BDTA. Training at Elaine is on every Thursday at 5.00pm.

Noel's hot on the sand

Former Buninyong resident **Noel Winnell** (Skipton Golf Club) had a good day out at the recent Victorian Veteran Golf Association's Sandscape Championships held at the Talbot Golf Club. In the A Grade section, Noel shot a 76, which with his handicap of 12 gave him a nett 64.

His round of 76 also gave him the Alf Jones Trophy for the best Gross Score in the 70+ age group.

Two bright spots

While the defeat of the Bombers in the CHFL Grand Final was a major disappointment for the town, two teams emerged as premiers from the football/netball season.

The football Reserves team were victorious defeating Beaufort by eight points, and the U 13 netballers, with **Eliza Baker** best on court, won the premiership, defeating Springbank.

In the disappointment of the 38 point loss to Beaufort the achievement of the senior footballers in making the Grand Final four times in the last seven years should not be forgotten

Royal Park on soccer list

In September the City of Ballarat announced its "largest ever investment in grass-roots level soccer." The long-term plan endorsed the roll-out of priority projects over the next four years.

However if the City's bid for funding from the State Government's *Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme* is successful the roll out may be across a two year period.

If all funding applications are successful the City plans to invest \$10 million into soccer across seven sites which includes Royal Park, Buninyong where the plan is to establish two new pitches, provide lighting, and to upgrade change-room facilities.

Ballarat's plans align with the recently-launched *Football Federation Victoria State Football Strategy to 2026*.

A weekend of events

SPRINGTIME in buninyong

Saturday 27 Oct

Spring Fair

The biennial Spring Fair held in the grounds of the Uniting Church will include a large range of stalls and activities including sausage sizzle, plants, bric a brac, the famous Teddy Bear's Picnic, face painting, games, kid's craft and entertainment featuring the U3A Celtic Band and local artists. Free entry.
10am - 2.30pm | Uniting Church, Learmonth St

King of the Mountain Junior Challenge (Buninyong)

Run the Gong (1.3km) or conquer Mount Innes (2.8km)
Start/Finish @ Buninyong Uniting Church. Entries open to ages 5-13. Prince and Princess will be "crowned" the winners!
10am | Start/Finish @ Uniting Church, 301 Learmonth St
Entry \$5
www.buninyongfestival.com.au

Open Gardens Victoria presents Brim Brim

Come and wander the beautiful gardens of one of Buninyong's treasures.
10am-4pm | Open Saturday & Sunday
Entry Adults \$8 Students \$5 (under 18 free)
<https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/Brim-Brim>

Studio 408 Art Exhibition Opening

Studio 408 will be holding an Arts evening with bubbly and complimentary pizzas from the Red Door Pizzeria. "While they work!" will showcase local Buninyong artists working live in the space and displaying their original works for sale. The exhibition will be open Sunday too from 10am to 2pm!
Saturday 6pm-9pm | Studio 408, 408 Warrenheip St
www.facebook.com/studio408buninyong

Sunday 28 Oct

Buninyong Village Spring Market

Held in the historical Buninyong Botanic Gardens, enjoy over 50 gorgeous stalls of handmade craft, plants, food, coffee, sausage sizzle, live music!
9am-2pm | Buninyong Botanic Gardens
Free entry
www.facebook.com/buninyongvillagemarket/

Buninyong Open Gardens

In conjunction with Brim Brim, three gardens in Yuille Street will be open to the public - enjoy 3 different garden designs - sustainable, permaculture and contemporary.
10am-3pm | Yuille Street
Entry - \$2 - children free
<http://buninyongbotanicgardensfriends.org.au/>

Hansel & Gretel - A Pantomime

Tilly Dog Productions presents a contemporary and hilarious pantomime of the classic Brothers Grimm fairytale, Hansel & Gretel! Fun for all ages! Devonshire teas and snacks will also be available for purchase.
Two performance times 11am & 2pm
Buninyong Town Hall - all tickets \$12.50
Tickets - Trybooking.com/426070 or at the door
www.facebook.com/tillydogproductions

Car Boot Sale

A fundraiser for the Buninyong Primary School Japanese Trip 2019!
9am-1pm | Simpson Street Staff Carpark
Car stalls \$20 - ph. 0400 945 579 to book a site



Neale's two local mates Rally to help disease fight

The efforts of former champion footballer and AFL coach Neale Daniher to raise community awareness of the debilitating Motor Neurone Disease (MND) from which he suffers, are well known.

Sale of his blue Freeze beanies and the dive into the ice bath by most AFL coaches before the annual Queen's Birthday clash at the MCG between Melbourne and Collingwood have become legend over recent years.

Locals rally

Now, two long-time Buninyong community members are participating in another fund-raising event this October. **Marty Ryan** and **Russell Dickson**, along with **Brendan Carey** and **Mark Spencer**, will again participate in the *Daniher Drive*, a four day car rally around Victoria and South Australia to raise funds for the *Fund MND Foundation*.

The four men were in the same year together with Neale Daniher as boarders at Assumption College Kilmore in the late 1970s and all have kept in touch with Neale over the years. Along with many people from around Australia they have all been inspired by Neale's efforts to raise money and awareness for MND.

While there are other ex-Assumption College students in cars participating in the *Daniher Drive*, the Buninyong team (known as *Team Consumption*) is the only team where all team members were all in Neale's year at school.

Fund research

Members of *Team Consumption* will be joining good friend Neale Daniher and 450 other supporters for the car rally event run by *FightMND* which has been raising money to fund the best and brightest researchers and clinicians across Australia since 2014.



MND is a progressive, terminal neurological disease that can affect anyone. In Australia every day at least two people are diagnosed with MND and two people die from MND. There is no effective treatment and no known cure.

Team Consumption is hoping to raise money to contribute to the cause of trying to find a cure for MND. It would be great if Buninyong residents could get behind the team and donate to their team page. Following is a link to their fundraising - <http://my.fightmnd.org.au/consumption>



(Below) Members of *Team Consumption* (L to R) Marty Ryan, Russell Dickson, Mark Spencer and Brendan Carey during the 2017 fund-raising car rally.